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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

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To: Stockholm Convention Focal Points
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SUBJECT: Invitation to submit comments on the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases as well as information and methodologies on other chemicals under Article 5 and Annex C

Dear Colleague,

At its seventh session held in Geneva 14-18 July 2003, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants adopted Decision INC-7/5 on the "Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases." Decision INC-7/5 is contained in Annex 1 of the report of the session, document UNEP/POPS/INC.7/28, and attached for your convenience.

The decision invited Governments and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 March 2004, their additional comments on the 1st edition of the Toolkit, as well as information and methodologies on other chemicals under Article 5 and Annex C of the Convention. The 1st edition of the Toolkit and the EXCEL file to calculate the annual emissions are available for consultation and download at the Stockholm Convention web page <http://www.pops.int/documents/guidance/>. Taking into account the comments and information received, the Secretariat will develop a further revision (2nd edition) of the Toolkit that will be submitted to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

I would like to invite you to provide any comments or information by 31 March 2004.

Please contact Heidelore Fiedler on my staff if you have any questions. She can be contacted at tel: +41 22 917-8187, fax: +41 22 79- 3460 or email: hfriedler@unep.ch.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Attachment

INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR AN
INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT
FOR IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON
CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS
Seventh session
Geneva, 14-18 July 2003

Decision INC-7/5: Standardized toolkit for identification and quantification of dioxin and furan releases

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee:

1. Notes of the revised standardized toolkit for identification and quantification of dioxin and furan releases (Toolkit), as contained in document UNEP/POPS/INC.7/INF/14, as the guidance for undertaking release reporting pursuant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Convention;
2. Invites Governments and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 March 2004, their additional comments on the Toolkit, as well as information and methodologies on other chemicals under Article 5 and Annex C of the Convention;
3. Requests the Secretariat, taking into account the comments and information received, to prepare and issue a revised version of the Toolkit for submission to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The revised Toolkit should be made available prior to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in sufficient time to allow for its adequate consideration;
4. Also requests the Secretariat to develop, for consideration by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a proposal for the ongoing review and updating of the Toolkit.